

Police update public on student's death

Bradley Murray's cause of death no longer thought to be aggravated battery

Austin Enns
senior staff writer

An e-mail was sent out Wednesday afternoon to all K-State students asking for information involving the death of Bradley Murray. Thursday afternoon, police held a press conference releasing the results of their investigation in the death so far.



MURRAY

Bradley Murray, 25 and senior in sociology, was last seen by friends around 12:50 a.m. on Oct. 8, outside of Tubby's Sports Bar. He was found around 1:30 a.m. in the 1700 block of North Manhattan Avenue. Riley County Emergency Medical Service transported Murray to Mercy Regional Health Center with a head injury.

"At this point there is no indication that foul play was involved in Murray's injuries," Capt. Jeff Hooper of the Riley County Police Department said. "The coroner stated that Murray's injuries could have just as likely been caused by a fall."

Murray had a blood alcohol content level of .262, and after he lost consciousness he was taken to Stormont-Vail Medical Center in Topeka to be treated for internal head trauma. Doctors performed surgery, but ascertained that Murray had lost brain activity.

Around 5:50 p.m. on Oct. 12, Murray was taken off life support, and passed away about thirty minutes later from the injuries that he sustained.

Police issued a bulletin through Crime Stoppers asking for information on two males who were seen at the 1700 block of Manhattan Avenue with Murray. Hooper said that police interviewed them Thursday morning and deter-

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REDEMPTION



Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian

Senior quarterback **Carson Coffman** celebrates after running in K-State's first touchdown against KU in Lawrence on Thursday evening.

K-State destroys KU 59-7 in huge recovery from Neb.

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

In a stunning role reversal that called to mind last year's slaughter by Texas Tech and the subsequent slaughter of Texas A&M, the Wildcats followed up their 48-13 loss to Nebraska last Thursday with a 59-7 beatdown of Kansas University.

During practice this week, KU's

fight song and "Rock Chalk Jayhawk" could be heard blasting out of Bill Snyder Family Stadium, motivating the players even more than they were already to come out strong against the Jayhawks.

"Honestly, it got me a little angry hearing that over the loudspeakers," said sophomore tight end Travis Tannahill. "Mainly it was just crowd noise we were preparing for, making sure we

had all our hand signals down, making sure we could communicate without being able to hear each other mainly, but it stuck the hairs up on the back of my neck a little bit."

The Wildcats were as ready as they had been all season, and by a large margin. They ran for 276 yards and passed for 184 yards; the seesaw between the two attacks became a bit more balanced this week.

"We feel like we had a pretty good game plan going into this week," said senior offensive lineman Zach Kendall. "We had a good week of practice this week. But I wasn't prepared to go and put up that many points that fast. We haven't done that at all this year, so that was a good feeling."

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Economics Club: prices for students increased 5 percent from 2009

Hikes in tuition, beer prices contribute to greater cost of living

Austin Enns
senior staff reporter

Besides buying a house, attending K-State will be one of the most expensive experiences students are likely to undertake in their lifetimes. Tuition, housing and cost of living all add up to large sums. Every October, the Economics Club releases the annual student price index, which determines whether student costs have increased over the past year and by how much.

Daniel Kuester, faculty adviser for the club and director of undergraduate studies in economics, said he inherited the price index from a former professor, but he enjoys getting to carry on the tradition.

"It's really to give some perspective on what inflation means to students relative to the aver-

age person," Kuester said. "And I think it gets enough attention where students become aware of how inflation affects their ability to buy things."

According to the index, the cost of living for a normal student

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Gasoline	+15.3%
Groceries	-2.5%
Tuition	+7.9%
Beer	+17.2%
Housing	+5.0%
Textbooks	-2.6%
Pizza	+2.7%
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K-State Economics Club

increased five percent since 2009. Tuition increased by over seven percent, and beer prices jumped over 17 percent.

Weatherly Butler, senior in economics and president of the

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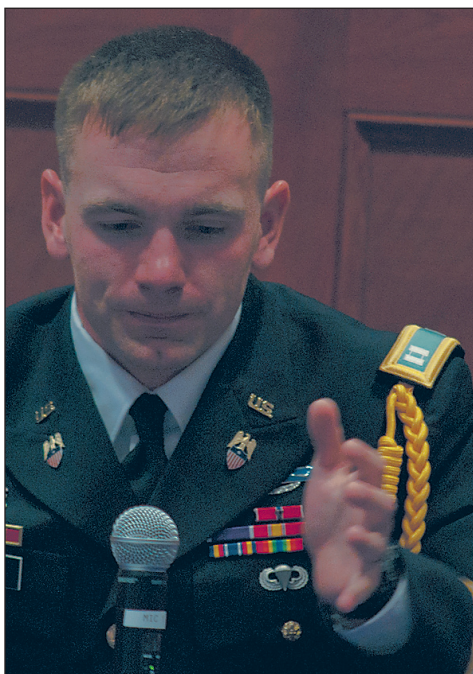
Officers speak about post-war experiences

Lecture provides insight into effects of post-traumatic stress disorder

Katie Reilley
junior staff writer

One officer told the story of how he bled out, was dead for 15 minutes, but was resurrected through the efforts of Army medics. Another officer related how he stood in his backyard, contemplating suicide because he hated dealing with the constant pain of daily life, while his wife felt "like a failure" because her husband was not the same person he was before his combat experience.

These are the stories of nationally-recognized and decorated Fort Riley officers Capt. Joshua Mantz, Maj. Jeff Hall and Hall's wife, Sheri Hall, sophomore in social work. The three spoke at the College of Human Ecology lecture "Combat Stress: Redefining the 'Wounded' Warrior and Family" yesterday afternoon in Hale Library's Hemisphere Room.



On Thursday afternoon, **Maj. Jeff Hall** discusses his experience in Iraq and the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on both wounded and un-wounded soldiers.

Jennifer Heeke
Collegian

Mantz, Jeff and Sheri spoke on post-traumatic stress disorder, a condition that gained more recognition by the military after suicide rates increased from 89 deaths in 2008 to 110 in 2009, according to an

Oct. 2, 2009, article on military.com.

The Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families lecture was originally intended only for the Trauma and Disorders class taught by

Briana Nelson Goff, but was opened up to the public. Goff is the director of the institute and associate dean for academic affairs of the College of Human Ecology.

Goff said she had met Sheri and Jeff earlier, but later learned about Mantz through the Halls. She then invited Mantz, along with the Halls, to speak at the university.

Mantz spoke about the day in April 2007 when he was wounded by a chunk of metal that ricocheted from a bullet similar to a 50-caliber round. The bullet first hit one of his fellow officers. Mantz was then struck in his right thigh, which severed his femoral artery. A 19-year-old medic who was present had a choice: save Mantz or save the other officer. He chose Mantz.

The medic worked on Mantz, but eventually, after being transported to a hospital, his heart stopped beating. He was later told Army doctors worked on him for 15 minutes straight until his heart started again.

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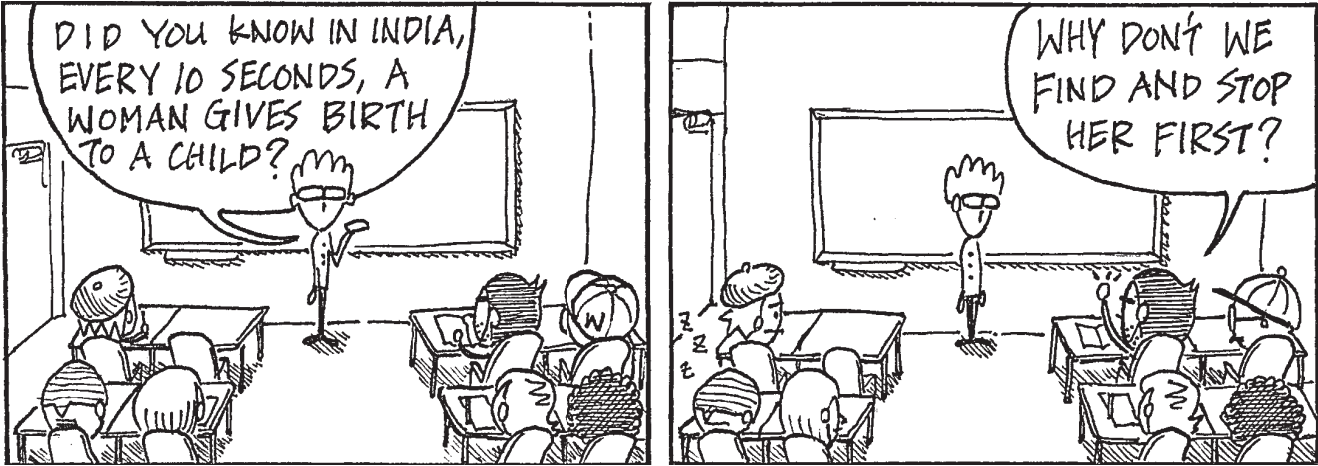
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THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

Charles Edward William Elliott, of Ogden, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$198.

Anthony Tak Henderson, of Junction City, was booked for sale or distribution of opiates or narcotics, use of a communication facility for the sale or purchase of drugs and no Kansas drug tax stamp. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Ysidoro Arguello Martinez, of St. George, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Joshua Alexander Moore, of the 700 block of Allison Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Zachary Dewayne Tilton, of the 900 block of Fourth Street, was booked for two counts of probation violation. Bond was set at \$4,500.

THURSDAY

Brandon Terrell Cox, of the 2400 block of Greenbriar Drive, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Samantha Douglas Drake, of the 1400 block of Houston Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Eleia Rose Ulrey-Barnes, of the 4400 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

POLICE REPORTS

Austin Enns
staff reporter

MULTIPLE-CAR PILE-UP OCCURS ON BLUEMONT

A three-car pile-up occurred Wednesday, and all three drivers were cited, said Kurt Moldrup of the Riley County Police Department.

A local woman was taken to Mercy Regional Health Center due to health concerns after the collision, according to the RCPD report.

Darcella Salas, 25, of the 1900 block of Lincoln Drive, was taken to the hospital because she is 32 weeks pregnant and the collision bumped her stomach, Moldrup said.

Police cited Christine Cady, 43, of St. George, Kan.,

for a suspended driver's license and inattentive driving after she hit another vehicle with her Ford Windstar.

The other two vehicles were stopped at Eight Street and Bluemont Avenue, at the scene of another wreck. Bredanyia Brown, 24, of the 2700 block of Moehlman Road, had her 2001 Pontiac Sunfire pushed into the rear of a 1994 Cadillac DeVille driven by Salas, according to a police report.

Police cited Salas for an expired driver's license and Brown because she had no proof of insurance, Moldrup said.

\$73,000 SEMI-TRAILER REPORTED STOLEN

A semi-trailer was report-

ed stolen from a public truck parking location, according to a report from the RCPD.

The incident occurred in the 6300 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard between Oct. 3 and Oct. 13. The McLaughlan Trucking Company, of Fort Riley, owned the Talbort semi-trailer, valued at \$73,000.

MAN ARRESTED UNDER SUSPICION OF DRUGS

A man from Junction City was arrested on suspicion of trying to sell drugs, according to a police report from the RCPD.

Anthony Henderson, 25, was arrested on Wednesday at 3:20 p.m., and his bond was set at \$5,000, Moldrup said.

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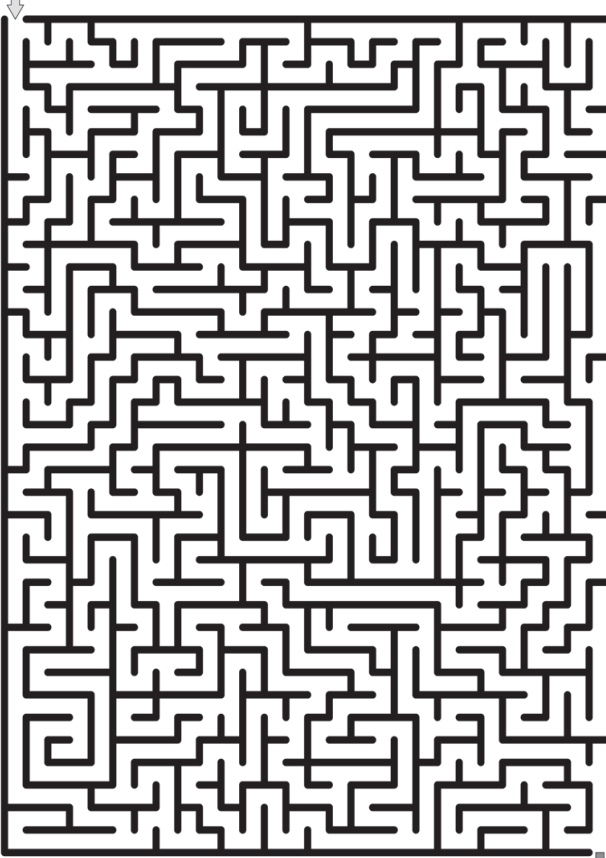
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Orchestra to play Vivaldi at McCain

Repertoire includes a modern twist on classical piece, period instruments

Pauline Kennedy
junior staff writer

The Venice Baroque Orchestra and violin soloist Robert McDuffie are scheduled to take the stage Sunday at McCain Auditorium.

The concert is part of the 2010-2011 McCain Performance Series.

The world-renowned orchestra was founded in 1997 and is known for its classical performances played on period instruments, which were manufactured at the time the musical pieces were written.

McDuffie is a Grammy-nominated violinist who has played with a handful of well-known orchestras around the world, including the New York and Los

Angeles Philharmonics and the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra.

This will be McDuffie's second trip to K-State; he performed at McCain in 2008 with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

The event is a two-part concert. The first part of the show will feature Antonio Vivaldi's composition "The Four Seasons," which the orchestra will play on period instruments. The second half of the show will feature a Vivaldi-inspired piece, "The American Four Seasons."

This version will be played on modern instruments. American music composer Philip Glass wrote the piece for McDuffie.

Todd Holmberg, executive director for McCain, said one of the main reasons he asked the orchestra to play for the series was because of the repertoire.

"They're opening with the Vivaldi Four Seasons, and everybody knows that piece," he said. "It's a standard piece and everybody is very comfortable

with that work."

Holmberg said he is interested in the second half of the show, which will modernize the Vivaldi piece.

"It's taking something that's familiar and comfortable for everybody and it's taking that repertoire and looking at it in new and different ways," he said. "That's exactly what students and faculty on a college campus do every day of their lives."

Holmberg said he is excited to see how Glass' work was reexamined and reinterpreted, and said the concert is one the community, faculty and students will enjoy.

"I think it would be interesting and motivating for students to hear live one of the most famous pieces in the classical repertoire," he said.

The performance is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the McCain Auditorium box office, and student tickets are half-price.

Student group to host golf tournament

Charity tournament to feature shotgun start and 'scramble' golf

Carrie Gilliam
staff writer

Without a home football game this weekend, avid sports fans might feel like there is nothing to do. However, the K-State student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is hosting a golf tournament at Colbert Hills Golf Course this weekend.

Registration is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and the shotgun tournament will begin at 10 a.m.

The shotgun start will include each team at a different hole when the tournament begins.

"The tournament will be a fun, affordable way to play at Colbert Hills," said Cody Crowther, senior in horticulture and an organizer for the tournament.

Crowther said the cost of the tournament is \$140 per team of four. "Teams will play scramble golf and prizes are offered for the winning teams," he said.

Steve Keeley, associate professor of horticulture forestry and recreation, said there will be different contests at each hole.

One of the contests includes teams betting to receive a hole-in-one, and each member can mark down a score of one for the hole.

Keeley said a lot of work goes into planning the tournament from receiving sponsors for each hole, recruiting participants and working the tournament.

He also said there is a range of players signed up for the tournament and anyone can join.

Jesse Brown, senior in horticulture and GCSAA member, said he is not participating in the tournament; instead, he is working.

"We will be greeting, signing people in and showing them where to go, serving lunch, carrying golf bags and just being excited to be there," Brown said.

Crowther said the point of the tournament is to have fun but also raise to money for their annual trip to a golf trade show. This year, the show will be held in Orlando, Fla.

"The conference also provides students with the opportunity to meet ... many superintendents and course managers throughout the country," Crowther said.

Westboro Baptist pastor challenged in Supreme Court

U.S. Supreme Court hears First Amendment case of Snyder v. Phelps

Caitlin Whetstone
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The leader of the Topeka-based Westboro Baptist Church, Rev. Fred Phelps, whose church is infamous for its members' anti-gay protests at events including military funerals, stood before the U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 6 to discuss the case Snyder v. Phelps.

The case came about after Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, of the U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in combat in Iraq on March 3, 2006. Fred Phelps' daughters, Shirley Phelps-Roper and Rebekah Phelps-Davis, and four other church and family members showed up to protest the funeral a week later in Westminster, Md., with such signs as "Thank God For Dead Soldiers" and "God Hates You."

Albert Snyder, Matthew's father, sued the church for the disruption of his son's funeral.

Westboro Baptist protesters frequently show up at funerals of military soldiers to protest because they believe the deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan are God's punishment for America's acceptance of issues like homosex-

uality, abortion and war.

Five weeks after the protest at Matthew Snyder's funeral, a written recap was posted to the church's website discussing the funeral and the protests, and also information about the Snyder family. Sean Summers, attorney plaintiff for Albert Snyder, argued the protests and the "epic" posted online were intended to harm the family.

The question posed to the Supreme Court is if a Westboro Baptist protest is protected under First Amendment rights, even though protesters disrupted a funeral. The case is based on the decision of whether or not protests causing distress should be enough to dismiss rights like freedom of speech and freedom of protest.

According to Summers' argument during the case, the protest disrupted the funeral, and there were "personal, targeted assaults on Mr. Snyder."

Margie Phelps, attorney representing Westboro Baptist and daughter of Fred Phelps, argued that since Snyder made the funeral public, it was open for them to protest. She also argued there should be no concern because there were only seven picketers present, and they were 1,000 feet from the funeral.

"When he stepped into the public discussion talking

about his son, the war, the son's funeral, he stepped into the public discussion," Phelps said. "You don't get to forbid anyone from talking to you if it's a public setting, unless they are agreeing with you."

Another issue addressed was based on the court claiming friends and family attending the funeral were a captive audience. Phelps argued against this. She said since the picketers were at a far distance, there could not have been a captive audience. Phelps said the argument was based on the captive audience doctrine, which has been used in previous abortion cases where picketers were physically confrontational.

"There's a lot of undisciplined talk among the Supreme Court opinions on captive audiences," Phelps said. "If they were a captive audience, the picketers would have to be up in their grill."

In 2007, the U.S. District Court in Baltimore ruled in favor of Snyder, resulting in a \$10.9 million award. This award was eventually reduced to \$5.1 million. After the case was brought to the federal appeals court in Virginia in 2009 and found in favor of Westboro Baptist's freedom of speech and protest, Snyder brought the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The verdict is still being discussed.

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What’s your favorite non-American sport and why?

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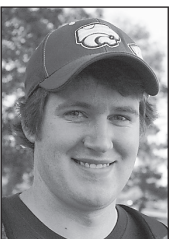
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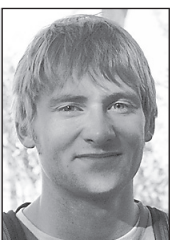
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Derek Manzanares
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“Cricket, because it’s kind of like baseball, and I played baseball for 10 years.”



Hayden Franz
JUNIOR, KINESIOLOGY AND GERONTOLOGY

To learn more about non-American sports like cricket, check out today’s Edge page.

STILLA ‘LEADER’

Legendary Indian movie star deserves reputation



Balasubramanym Meenakshisundaram

Let’s start with a pop quiz for all you movie buffs. Your task is simple: name the movie.

This film has music composed by the Academy Award-winning musician A.R. Rahman and action sequences choreographed by Yuen Woo-Ping, who also choreographed The Matrix trilogy. Stan Winston Studios, which made movies like “Jurassic Park” and “Iron Man,” did creature designs.

The answer is “Enthiran” — The Robot, an Indian film made in the Tamil language and dubbed in Telugu and Hindi. “Enthiran” hit theaters worldwide Oct. 1.

Made on a budget of 160 crore rupees, which is about \$35 million, this is by far the most expensive, most technologically advanced Indian movie ever made. The movie profited from the opening weekend. Last week it took 12th place in the U.S. box office, which is significant for an Indian film.

“Enthiran,” unlike other South Indian movies, has taken theaters all over India by storm, even in northern parts of the country, where Hindi movies are the main attraction.

The star of the movie is one of Asia’s most prominent stars. No, not Jackie Chan; his name is Rajnikanth. In a Sept. 27 article in Slate Magazine, writer Grady Hendrix described the

man behind this mega movie as “the biggest movie star you’ve probably never heard of.”

Rajnikanth is too old to perform action sequences, even with rope assistance. He does not look very attractive, but he is a sensation in South India, where no one can say they have not heard of him.

Crowned a superstar by his colleagues and addressed with love as Thalaivar, which means “leader,” Rajnikanth is a 60-year old, balding, skinny man who takes the screen by storm with his electrifying style, charisma, powerful dialogues and scintillating logic-defying story lines that keep the masses enthralled.

I prefer to address Rajnikanth as Thalaivar, as I am a die-hard fan of his and grew up watching all his movies. Thalaivar, bus conductor in the city of Bangalore before his movie days, has more than 150 movies to his credit. He knows his abilities and limitations, sticks to his basic formula and has provided wholesome entertainment for over three decades.

Thalaivar is a lesson to us in more ways than one. He doesn’t dress in silk or ride around in a Mercedes or Audi. There are no hype interviews and drama before his

movie releases. A doting father of two daughters, he took care of one of his daughter’s wedding arrangements while calmly expecting the release of his magnum opus. He runs charitable institutions all over the state of Tamil Nadu, from senior citizen homes to wedding halls. After all the wealth and fame, he still maintains a good relationship with his best friend, the driver of the bus he once conducted. Thalaivar is never involved in controversy, is always soft-spoken and advocates meditation and spirituality.

I was in Kansas City on Oct. 2 to watch Enthiran and was impressed to see a full house, made up of both



Illustration by Linnette Rodriguez

Indians and Americans, even though the tickets were priced at \$20 each.

The movie started with loud cheering and whistles, and I was reminded of the showing of his previous movie, “Sivaji” — The Boss, which I saw in India in 2007. It is impressive that his fans remain enthusiastic no matter where in the world they are.

I was astounded by Thalaivar and the reach he has all over the world. He lives not on the screen, or at the theaters showing his movies, but in the millions of hearts he has won over the years.

I am proud to call myself a Thalaivar fan. I would strongly recommend “Enthiran” to each and every one of you once it comes out on DVD to watch what I would call the perfect fusion of American and Indian cinema, the best of both worlds.

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Unnecessary assault weapons hurt America, Mexico



Illustration by Frank St. George



Roberto Santana Villarreal Meraz

President Bill Clinton signed the Federal Assault Weapons Ban into law in 1994, prohibiting the sale of military-style guns, including AK-47s and AR-15s. When the ban expired in 2004, a proposed 10-year extension was voted down.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives statistics show that 7,770 guns sold in the U.S. in 2008 were traced to Mexico, according to a March 17, 2009, article on foxnews.com entitled “Gun Advocates Ready for Battle on Federal Assault Weapons Ban.” Almost 95 percent of Mexican drug cartels got their firearms

from the U.S. that same year. Can you imagine how many lives we could have saved if, in 2004, the extension had been approved?

Let’s not talk about Mexico. You don’t care about Mexico; you care about America, right? What about the Sept. 28 shooting at Texas A&M, where a student opened fire in the library and afterward committed suicide? Do you care about that? Well, he was using an AK-47, an assault gun that can shoot 600 rounds per minute.

You can’t prevent someone from doing this just by posting “weapons prohibited” signs in the entrances of public buildings. Instead, you can help pass a law that prohibits someone from getting weapons like an AK-47.

Some Americans love the Second Amendment: the right of the people to keep and bear arms. But why do you really want an assault rifle for protection? It sounds fine to have a 9-mm pistol to protect your house or your family, but do you need an AK-47? If

police officers don’t carry one, why would you need to? If you want an AK-47 for hunting, I recommend you take a hunting course.

A Sept. 12, 2004, article in USA Today described one man’s excitement about being able to buy guns after the ban expired: “It’s like they were keeping the food away from you and you got hungry. It’s human nature,” said Bernie Esguerra, owner of Bernie’s Sports Center in Lilburn, Ga. Is an AK-47 really as important as food?

According to the same article, the ban reduced gang violence and the use of assault guns in crimes. A September 2004 National Annenberg Election Survey showed that 68 percent of Americans supported the ban, many of whom were gun-owners themselves. Democrat John Kerry told assault weapon enthusiasts, “We got a place for you to go do it. It’s called the United States armed forces.”

If Americans don’t want to help Mexico, maybe you would

want to prevent violence like the Texas A&M shooting, or prevent such a shooting at, say, K-State’s Hale Library.

I have never used an AK-47 or any other assault weapon. Hopefully, neither would you. I believe the Federal Assault Weapons Ban

should be passed again and certainly for longer than 10 years.

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Practice strategy shows coach knows best



Ashley Dunkak

On Tuesday, as I studied for midterms, a distant but distinct cacophony penetrated the walls of my apartment. It sounded like a plane flying overhead, but with some semblance of rhythm and pitch.

At first I thought it was my neighbors playing music, or maybe the marching band gearing up for some event. But when I walked outside barefoot to investigate, I realized the noise was coming from Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Never before have I heard “Rock Chalk Jayhawk” or the KU fight song on the K-State campus — most certainly not in Manhattan’s football stadium — so you can imagine my surprise when I determined the source of the racket.

Of course, it makes sense. K-State has not played in front of a hostile crowd yet this season. Five games, and only one has taken place outside of the Little Apple — and that was in Kansas City.

Logically speaking, if fans are going to tailgate for hours before a game anyway, they might as well spend a pair of those hours in the car to go support the Wildcats at Arrowhead, so the NFL stadium is always fairly purple when K-State games are played there.

But I digress. The point of practicing is to emulate game situations, and if you practice with no crowd noise, it’s a bit disingenuous. So K-State made it as realistic as possible. I’ve never been outside of the stadium during the game, so I don’t know what it sounds like to nearby apartments on gamedays, but I did hear the Jayhawk soundtrack, and those stadium speakers are impressively raucous.

For me, it was a Twilight Zone moment to hear all that oozing from K-State’s home field, but I appreciated the thorough preparation I know the Wildcats went through before this game.

It certainly paid off: clearly, crowd noise did not end up being a factor for the Wildcats in Thursday’s 59-7 game.

Honestly, even before that, Memorial Stadium really was not very loud. Of course, a slew of touchdowns by the opponent tends to knock the wind out of the home crowd, but KU’s faithful were few and far between by the fourth quarter.

I wonder if K-State head coach Bill Snyder knew all along that noise would be a non-issue. However, the music might have served another purpose — to amp up the troops by playing the enemy’s soundtrack in the family stadium.

Whatever the ultimate intent, it — along with whatever else occurred in practice this week, and along with KU’s ineptitude — worked like a charm for the Wildcats.

Moral of the story? As we’ve known for a while now, Snyder knows best.

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Senior **Daniel Thomas** leaps wildly into the KU end zone to score for the Wildcats during Thursday’s 59-7 victory over the Jayhawks. Thomas rushed for three touchdowns and 91 yards, out of K-State’s total 276 yards rushing.

Two-front offense shreds Jayhawks

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

A balanced offense worked well for the Wildcats in the Sunflower Showdown last night as they overpowered KU in a 59-7 victory. The Jayhawks forced the Wildcats into a three-and-out on their first drive. After that, however, the Wildcats went on a roll with a well-balanced combination of passing and running.

“Balance is what we talk about all the time and trying to create balance, not just in the run and pass, but how we distribute the ball,” said head coach Bill Snyder. “And we had the opportunity to do that tonight, and I think our youngsters and our coaches took advantage of that, and we’re better, we’re much better when we can demonstrate that kind of balance.”

I liked what I saw from the K-State offense in the first quarter. The balanced offense helped the Wildcats work their way down the field to set up an early second quarter touchdown by senior quarterback Carson Coffman.

Early in the first quarter, Coffman gained little ground when he opted to carry the ball. After watching him run in the first quarter, I was leery about his running. He seemed to be

unable to make up his mind which way he wanted to run.

His second-quarter performance erased all that from my mind, though, and renewed my confidence. Two of Coffman’s carries in the second quarter led to K-State touchdowns. With senior running back Daniel Thomas blocking for him, he managed to give K-State some real points on the board.

With a strong passing game and the quarterback’s rushing ability, the Wildcats put together an offense that KU could not answer.

To put it into perspective, Coffman rushed twice during the first quarter. He gained three yards on his first rush, but lost a yard on his second rush for a net total of two rushing yards for the quarter. In the second quarter, he rushed for 32 yards, a great contrast to his first-quarter total.

And his rushing wasn’t the only aspect that stood out. By the end of the first half, he had 141 passing yards, which included one touchdown. Not only that, but he completed 12 of his 13 passing attempts for a completion rate of 92 percent.

A touchdown reception by sophomore tight end Travis Tannahill came when he was wide open in the end zone. It was a combination of great play-calling and great ex-

ecution. The Wildcats rarely missed blocks or botched fake carries.

For rushing, Thomas and fellow senior running back William Powell led the team. Thomas rushed for 91 yards on 18 attempts, and Powell had 70 yards on five carries. Near the end of the game, backup sophomore quarterback Collin Klein rushed for 60 yards and a touchdown on two carries. K-State made great use of the wealth of talent it had at its disposal.

Freshman wide receiver Tramaine Thompson and sophomore wide receiver Chris Harper led the dynamic K-State receiving game. Thompson recorded 58 yards for the Wildcats, and Harper had 35 yards. Coffman had numerous receivers to throw to with the mix of Thompson, Harper, Tannahill and senior wide receiver Aubrey Quarles. Coffman managed the game effectively by spreading the field with receivers, reading the defense, and making accurate throws.

The Wildcat defense that held KU to 124 yards and five first downs in the first half allowed KU more leeway in the third quarter. The Jayhawks made it to the 15-yard line, but they shot themselves in the foot when running back James Sims fumbled. The fumble recovery set up

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The K-State defense forced the Jayhawks into two fumbles and an interception. Fumble returns totaled 109 yards for the Wildcats.

Junior linebacker Alex Hrebec said Nebraska’s loss hurt and the team spent the week working to correct errors committed in that game.

“This week in practice we just tried to focus on the mistakes we made — getting out of our gaps, not making tackles, missing tackles, not getting off blocks,” Hrebec said.

On their first scoring drive, the Wildcats mixed up the run and the pass as well as they have all season, but settled for a 38-yard field goal from senior kicker Josh Cherry instead of going for it with one yard to gain on fourth down.

Senior quarterback Carson Coffman completed passes to four different players in the first quarter: freshman Tramaine Thompson, sophomore Braden Wilson and seniors Adrian Hilburn and Aubrey Quarles. This resulted in steady movement down the field, and Coffman ran the ball to a touchdown to make it 10-0 K-State.

When KU got the ball back, running back Deshaun Sands fumbled on the first play of the team’s drive. Freshman strong safety Ty Zimmerman scampered away with the ball to set K-State up for another rushing touchdown by Coffman, putting K-State ahead 17-0.

On their next drive, the Jayhawks decided to go for it on fourth down. Junior cornerback David Garrett had other ideas; he sacked KU quarterback Jordan Webb for a three-yard loss. It took K-State less than two minutes for a 35-yard strike to sophomore receiver Chris Harper and three runs by senior running back Daniel Thomas to widen the gap to 24-0 with over eight minutes remaining in the first half.

K-State spelled Thomas with senior running back William Powell to grind out the clock, and Coffman capped the drive with a touchdown pass to Tannahill. This put the Wildcats up 31-0.

To start off the second half, the Wildcats recycled the earlier touchdown play by Tannahill, this time received by freshman tight end Andre McDonald. The 19-yard scoring play increased K-State’s lead to 38-0.

A fumble ended KU’s subsequent drive when senior defensive back Stephen Harrison scooped up the ball and went 85 yards for yet another K-State touchdown. On KU’s next drive, he intercepted the touchdown pass intended for KU wide receiver Johnathan Wilson. K-State 45, KU 0.

On K-State’s first play of the ensuing drive, Powell burst out for a 56-yard run. After six plays and three and a half minutes, the Wildcats had still another touchdown. Before the end of the third quarter, the score was 52-0.

With just over two minutes remaining in the game, the Jayhawks avoided the shutout, scoring their only touchdown on the game to bring the score to 52-7.

Not to be outdone, sophomore quarterback Collin Klein broke off a 51-yard touchdown run to end the game 59-7.

“I’m proud of them,” said head coach Bill Snyder. “I would say consistency is still an issue. The same thing happened to us last year against Texas Tech, and we were able to come back and beat a good Texas A&M team. I can’t explain the turnaround. It’s just a matter of if you prepare well, you play well.”

Volleyball set to play toughest match of season in Ahearn Field House

No. 3 Nebraska boasts perfect conference record, one loss overall

Sam Nearhood
senior staff writer

On Saturday night, the K-State volleyball team will face arguably its biggest challenge of this season, and head coach Suzie Fritz seemed aware, but unperturbed.

“They’re very, very good,” she said. “I don’t think that means we can’t compete with them.”

To do that, her team (9-10, 3-5 Big 12 Conference) will need to bring everything it has, because No. 3 University of Nebraska (16-1, 8-0) is coming to Manhattan.

After finishing last season fifth in the polls, the Cornhuskers have worked only to move higher, and their perfect conference record certainly helps their effort.

Of their eight matches so far in the Big 12, half have ended in sweeps. In those four matches, the opposing team won only a single game, so Nebraska



Logan M. Jones | Collegian

Members of the K-State volleyball team celebrate after scoring a point Saturday night against Texas. On Saturday, the Wildcats play Nebraska at 7 p.m. at Ahearn Field House.

has yet to play all five possible games in a match.

In fact, only two teams have taken the Cornhuskers to all five games this season. Then-No. 13 Florida did it at the be-

ginning of the preseason and won the match. Then-No. 3 Illinois made it to the fifth game, but Nebraska still took home the win. So far, that loss to Florida is the only blemish on the

Cornhuskers’ schedule.

Fritz said this speaks volumes for the team, but it does not say everything.

“The reality of it is they haven’t gotten beat,” she said.

“That doesn’t make them unbeatable.”

In the Big 12, Nebraska leads all seven categories except digs and service aces, where the team is ranked second and ninth, respectively. Additionally, in the individual statistics, the Cornhuskers have three players showing in both hitting percentage and blocks, and their players have beefy stats in every category, which Fritz praised.

“The thing about Nebraska is that they’re good at everything,” she said. “They’re big, and they’re physical. They serve and pass. They ball-handle.”

Essentially, they do everything.

It is the 6-foot-4-inch junior Brooke Delano, a middle blocker who was Second-Team All-American and First-Team All-Big 12 last year, who presents one of the most formidable challenges at the net for K-State. With No. 1 conference rankings in hitting percentage and blocks, Delano far outshines most players at any school. She is currently recording 2.87 kills with almost half of her attempts earning a point.

Assisting her are two out-

standing setters. This means Nebraska always has three hitters up front — two outsides and a middle — so the team has more opportunities and more choices, which ultimately yields more points.

“They have two exceptional setters, two of the best setters in the country, so they get it where it’s supposed to go and how it’s supposed to get there,” Fritz said.

This means K-State will have to be at the top of its game, too. As Fritz said, when you cannot slow the other team down, you have to raise your level to meet it. The Wildcats will not be able to let up for one second, or Nebraska will take control.

“This team can handle the ball at a high level,” she said. “They’re good at the net. They have no glaring weaknesses that I can see.”

When it comes down to it, Fritz has very simple goals for the match.

“I want to play well,” she said. “I want to stay in it. I want to compete.”

First serve is set for 7 p.m. in Ahearn Field House. Fans not able to attend the match can listen on 1350 KMAN.

LIMERICK LIFE

Irish student discusses tobacco use, government

Elena Buckner
edge editor

Chantelle Fehilly is part of our weekly series on international life and travel featuring K-State students who have experienced studying abroad and students living and studying in their own countries worldwide. Fehilly, 22, attends Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland, where she studies Irish (also known as Gaelic) and French.

Q: What kind of campus does your school have?

I'm very happy to say we have a new building in our college. Our college is pretty old, so all the rooms and buildings were old, but the new building is very modern; it actually looks like a college now and not like a secondary school.

Q: What is a typical academic schedule?

I have about 15 class hours a week and a lot of independent study, reading and homework.

It takes three to four years to graduate from this course I'm doing now, but I took a year out to study abroad and also to work in the area I want to work in the future, which is Irish-speaking schools.

Q: Do most students live in university housing or find their own accommodation? Does the

university offer any sort of meal plan?

A lot of students live in student housing because it works out easier; all bills and also Internet would be included, whereas if you find your own, all the bills are extra to your rent, and you would have to get your own Internet installed. There's no meal plan, but the canteen serves cheap and delicious food.

Q: Do most students have a car? What is the most common method of transportation?

A lot of students have cars. I don't, but I can get by without one. A lot of students use buses or trains as transportation when traveling home on weekends and then back to college accommodation Sundays.

Q: What do you do on the weekends?

I like to relax and have fun with friends. I love getting dressed up and going on a night out, too.

Q: What is the most popular night for drinking and where do people go?

The most popular student night is a Tuesday or Thursday, but you would find some students go out every night.



courtesy photo

They usually drink at home and then go to a nightclub or a late-night bar to dance and have fun.

Q: What is the most common drink?

Beer and vodka are the most popular drinks in Ireland.

Q: What is the dating scene like? What is a typical date?

Dating scene, hmm. You would start off by texting non-stop and then go on a date to the cinema or a restaurant.

Q: What do people do for fun without alcohol?

Um, study? No, people like to play sports or hang out with good friends doing whatever they want to do, like bowling or going for drives.

Q: Is there a common "problem" at or around your school or the city?

As with all cities, drugs, alcohol and vandalism.

Q: How common is tobacco use? What's the most popular "drug" after alcohol?

A lot of people smoke in Ireland, from children as young as 13 years old. Smoking cigarettes would

be the most popular drug after alcohol, and also cannabis is another drug that's very popular in Ireland.

Q: How do you feel about your current government?

Not good. The government is the cause of our problems, especially concerning the recession.

Q: What kind of music do you listen to?

Everything, from rap to pop, dance, country. I will try to sing to anything. It also depends on the mood I'm in.

Q: Where is your favorite place to shop?

River Island, a clothing store that sells urban clothing.

Q: What is your favorite random fact about your country?

Kilkenny (Ire.)-born architect James Hoban designed the American White House.

Q: What's a common stereotype you or your friends have about Americans or American universities?

That American teens are like those in the movie "Mean Girls." And that American universities aren't as demanding or as hard as Irish universities.

Game of cricket important in Indian life

Balasubramany
Meenakshisundaram
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Cricket was born when the bored British, having conquered most of the world and not knowing what else to do, decided to play a game. The intent was to create a single game including the maximum number of players. They had

a lot of spare time, and decided to extend the game over several days just because. They made a ball out of cork covered with leather and a bat out of willow wood.

The British made three wickets, or sticks. The job of one team was to guard the sticks from the ball, one player at a time, and the other team's job was to get through the defense and break the sticks, which would build strength of the players.

The defending team would hit the ball with their bat as far as possible, which was a test of their strength, and would run from one end of the playing strip, or pitch, to the other. This was repeated many times before a player from the opposing team stopped the ball and threw it back to the sticks. The running was a test of their endurance and agility. Thus did the British create the game of cricket.

This is not a "how to" guide on cricket, however. I found

that, while writing this article, Wikipedia has done a pretty good job at that. I will leave the rules and the procedures to the experts and go into the significance of the game in India.

First, cricket is not a game. I know I said it is, but it is more than just that.

From the entertainment point of view, cricket is a game. From a psychological and national standpoint, however, it is a phenomenon, a religion that brings people from all over India together for one cause: victory. Nothing unites the common man of India like

cricket. He forgets everything. Rich or poor, Hindu or Muslim, educated or uneducated, minister or laborer, everybody sits in front of their televisions — a lucky few thousand in the stadium where the game is being played — and cheers on India to a victory. In that moment, nothing else matters but the country. Next to defending our country, cricket is what Indians unite for the most.

Cricket is a demanding sport. It strengthens every individual involved in the game, from the little children playing on sidewalks to the professionals playing for the country. It helps you learn many lessons in rapid-fire speed. You take your eyes off the ball for a second and the next thing you know, you have a lump on your head



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Kasun Dissanayake (left), Manhattan resident, and Jithma Abeykoon, senior in biochemistry, play cricket July 13 at Memorial Stadium.

comparable to the ball itself. That's the lesson on concentration and focus.

India is a hot place; well, most of it is. And cricket is a summer game, which is why children are usually bare-bodied out in the hot sun playing cricket all day. That's their

daily dose of endurance and determination to keep going in very little fun-filled capsules. It is a lot harder than it seems to hit the ball past all the players standing around you, ready to grab it. That teaches those who play to think outside the box, get creative and tackle prob-

lems with a sense of aesthetics.

All these lessons are what the kids carry forward generation after generation, as they grow and implement cricket in their daily lives wherever they go and whatever they do. Rarely will you meet an Indian kid who has not played cricket in his or

her life. I'm not saying cricket is the reason for India's growth or unity, but this is my attempt to show the impact a simple game can have on the people and a country if played and watched passionately. That passion is what drives India forward, in every walk of life today.

Runners to face stronger competition



Lisle Alderton | Collegian
A member of the men's cross country team runs beside a building during practice on Sept. 11. The team competes Saturday in Indiana.

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

The cross country team is scheduled to compete in the Pre-National Invitational at Terre Haute, Ind., on Saturday. The Wildcats enter the meet after a strong performance in Stillwater, Okla., last month. There, the women's team placed second and the men's team placed fifth. At this weekend's meet, however, the competition will be stronger, said head coach Michael Smith. "This meet is a significant step up in terms of competition — 18 of the top 30 teams will be

there," Smith said. He said teams will be divided in two competition groups, and Smith expects about 10 of the top 30 teams to be in K-State's competition group. For the women's team, Smith said, the key is to compete directly against those top-ranked teams. He said the women runners are capable of competing at that level, and doing so will better prepare them for the Big 12 competitions. "The best part is that we race against good people," Smith said. "So it will prepare us well if we go to this meet and do well. If we intend to be a national-cal-

iber team, we better compete." He said he expects several women to lead the team in Saturday's competition. Sydney Messick, Boglarka Bozzay and Martina Tresch all placed in the top 10 in the last competition. "Those three are training at a really high level," Smith said. "If they compete at the same level this weekend, our team will be very competitive." He also said four additional runners have made significant improvements since the start of the season, and he is eager to see how Avery Clifton, Alyssa Bellinder, Meghan Heuer and Laura Lee Baird perform in this week-

end's race. "We don't know how good we are yet and are really looking forward to finding out," Smith said. For the men's race, the team will be focusing on competing against Big 12 schools, he said. In the last race, Armando Del Valle placed 24th, propelling the team to its fifth-place victory. "It would be nice for us to try and compete with the University of Kansas or any other school in the Big 12 Conference," Smith said. "What we do now is a reflection of what we are and we learn if we're a competitive team."

Lessons from coach



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Basketball head coach **Frank Martin** talks to the Introduction to Leadership Studies class about his principles of leadership and leading a team on Thursday afternoon in the Leadership Studies Building.

Equestrian team rides against Baylor

Danny Davis
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The equestrian team faces its first Big 12 Conference opponent today. K-State head coach Casie Lisabeth said Baylor will be strong competition, but the riders have put in extra practice to prepare. "The team has really put in the extra hours to prepare for this competition in all aspects," Lisabeth said. "We want to start on a high note, and going up against a team of that caliber, it is going to be very important that each rider does her part and puts a lot of pressure on their opponent." She said to compete against Baylor, riders must be aggressive but make smart and consistent decisions while riding. Lisabeth said the team must be both mentally and physically prepared. Today's competition is also the team's first home competition. The Wildcats started their season in Alabama where they competed against Auburn and South Dakota State in back-to-back competitions. After losing to Auburn, the team became more comfortable with their surroundings and made some adjustments, Lisabeth said. By riding more aggressively, they were able to win against South Dakota State. "Being on the road is always challenging," Lisabeth said. "But when you get to compete

more than once in the same location, your team gets a little more comfortable and starts to ride harder." The team won all four of the Most Valuable Player awards against South Dakota State in the categories of Horsemanship, Reining, Equitation over Fences and Equitation on the Flat. Lisabeth said the team traveled with many freshmen, and the new freshman class has performed well. "We are very happy with their progress and really appreciate all their hard work and dedication to this team," she said. "We have a great mix of returners and first-year team members on our team, and they really work well together." Riders, she said, must continue to improve with each practice and competition. They cannot become satisfied with their current levels of performance but instead must keep striving for a higher level of riding. She said she does not want to set expectations for this competition. Lisabeth said each team member must be focused on her riding and role on the team, and with each rider focused on her particular task, the team will post great results. Today's competition begins at 10 a.m. at Timbercreek Stables.

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by senior cornerback Stephen Harrison. Turnovers were not the only way the Jayhawks hurt themselves, however. By the second half, they had four penalties for 41 yards. The Wildcat defense again stepped up and forced another turnover, this time as KU quarterback Jordan Webb threw into the end zone. Harrison, once again, was the playmaker. "It kind of felt like it was our night; our coaches had us well-prepared, and we just executed well, and we came back with the win tonight," Harrison said. "You just always have to be ready, and when my opportunity came, I just had to seize it." With the exception of allowing two prolonged KU drives, the Wildcats' defense complemented the balanced offense for the entire game. When the Jayhawks ran the ball, the Wildcats contained it well, often stopping it in the backfield. When KU tried passing, K-State brought a strong pass rush, forcing Webb to pass prematurely or keep the ball

and run with it. The team's secondary worked meticulously as they allowed very minimal yards after receptions, often breaking up passes before KU receivers had opportunities to catch them. The Jayhawks still managed to amass 228 passing yards. However, most of these came on the Jayhawks' two drives that ended in turnovers and KU's final drive of the game. Midway through the fourth quarter, Webb was sacked by junior cornerback David Garrett for a 13-yard loss. That loss, coupled with a 10-yard holding penalty, set KU back to a third-and-33 situation, eventually forcing a punt. Defensive performances like that ensured a massive shutout of the rival Jayhawks. Despite allowing a late fourth quarter touchdown, the defense was nearly flawless against the Jayhawks' offensive attacks. K-State's game plan caught KU completely off-guard. A well-balanced offensive attack between passing and running with a great defensive performance simply overwhelmed KU.

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MURRAY | Cause of death ruled unknown

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mined that the males were trying to assist Murray home. The males, Wichita residents, were in Manhattan for the K-State football game against Nebraska.

The block in which Murray was found is on the opposite side of campus from his home, which is in the 800 block of Platt St., and police had no explanation for this fact.

Originally, the incident was being investigated as an aggravated battery, but now police are classifying it as an unknown death.

"What we are fairly clear about is that in talking to the emergency room doctors and the coroner, it is highly unlikely that he was stuck by a vehicle, fell out of a vehicle or was struck by some type of weapon," Hooper said. "They said that the injuries were just not substantial enough to support that."

Hooper said they were still

searching for information as to what happened to Murray between the time he left the bar and when he was found on the road.

Kristen Tebow, senior in women's studies and sociology and member of the criminology club, said as of right now, the criminology club plans to hand out fliers around campus to help aid the investigation. Tebow said that she knew Murray because she had some classes with him over the years.

"I am absolutely mortified this happened at all, especially to somebody like Brad because he was a good person in every way," Tebow said.

Police are still investigating the matter and are re-interviewing the witnesses. Anybody with information on Murray's whereabouts between the time his friends last saw him and the time when he was found should call the Riley County Crime Stoppers 785-539-7777.

ECON | Club to continue student price index

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club, said the index helped make economics easier to relate to the average student.

"It's a great way for students to see what's happening in Manhattan and how the changes affect them," he said.

Katie Gustafson, junior in economics and club secretary, echoed that sentiment, saying the project is an effective way to teach students about inflation.

"I think SPI is really great because students can relate what they learn in class to something practical in real life," Gustafson said.

Matthew Herman, senior in economics and vice president of the club, was in charge of gathering information. He said the club members went to about 15 different businesses, such as Varney's Bookstore, Dillons and Rusty's Last Chance Restaurant and Saloon, to get data on prices.

"I was fortunate to have so many economics members will-

ing to get hands-on," Herman said. "It really helped out and made my job a lot easier."

Herman said the club visits the same businesses every year so the recorded price changes are consistent. The club keeps the data, and their records extend back to 2002.

Kuester said student prices have increased faster than the expected increase in consumer prices. The consumer price index will be released on Friday, and he said it is expected to be around a one-percent increase.

Partly because of all the work involved, and partly because of the data, Kuester said the student price index is going to continue as a project, and hopefully will one day make a comparison in prices to the 2002 school year.

The index is one of the biggest projects the economics club undertakes.

"I think it's a good thing in terms of getting our members together and being productive," Kuester said.

City Park pit stop



Lauren Gocken | Collegian
Luis Rueda (left) and Juan Arzola take a break by 11th Street at a construction site in City Park on Tuesday.

PTSD | Lecture explores 'need to prove one's self'

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Mantz said he credits the doctors, the medics and his fellow soldiers, who transfused their own blood directly into him, as heroes.

Five months later, Mantz said he redeployed back into Iraq for two reasons. The first was because several other officers had been injured, so there was no one to replace him. The second reason was because, psychologically, he wanted to be able to prove he had the capacity to perform as a leader.

The need to prove one's self was a theme that was extensively explored throughout the lecture. Jeff, in particular, felt a need to prove he did not need counseling after his second tour during the Iraq conflict.

After losing his command over his troop due to what he called Army "bureaucracy" and becoming disillusioned with his role in the Army, Jeff started showing signs of af-

fiction with post-traumatic stress disorder, which, for months following his return, was undiagnosed.

"I was angry, not because of the trauma that I had seen inflicted on other people or even on myself," he said. "I was in pain because I went. I took the war incredibly personal."

"Psychological and emotional injuries are beginning to cripple our military."

Capt. Joshua Mantz

About eight months ago, Hall met Col. Kevin Brown, garrison commander for Fort Riley, through the Theater of War Productions, LLC, which is used as a form of therapy for many soldiers facing psychological and physical wounds. As the garrison commander, Brown provides services for the soldiers and their families.

"I had come in contact with him during the Theater

of War Productions," Brown said. "Jeff was affiliated with that program and so was I; we just didn't know each other. When I found out that he was in our warrior transition battalion, I said, 'Okay, I'm going to get you out of there. I'm going to give you meaningful, purposeful work. You're going to come work with me on the garrison staff.'"

Brown was a large part of Jeff's road to recovery. Jeff enrolled with Brown in a treatment program at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Sheri said both graduated from the program armed with better ways to cope with Jeff's disorder.

"With proper knowledge and care, healing can happen," she said.

Mantz echoed Sheri's statement and encouraged Goff's human ecology students.

"Psychological and emotional injuries are beginning to cripple our military," he said. "What we're here to do today is to kind of form a bridge between the concepts

you have in your textbooks to real life, reality sitting right up here today."

Virginia Moxley, dean of the college, said she thought the messages provided by the Halls and Mantz were good things for ecology students to hear.

"Our therapists and our graduate students in the marriage and family therapy program, for the most part, have not grown up in military families or had that experience," Moxley said. "The more closely we can work with Fort Riley and the broader military, the better we can prepare them to serve this audience."

Goff's goal was simple: to bring awareness to the issue of post-traumatic stress disorder and to support those with the condition.

"It could be the person right next door, or in the classroom seat next to you," Goff said. "Many more may not be diagnosed but may be experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder. Don't be afraid to seek help."

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